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IDAHO OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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February 18, 2014

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SUBJECT: Permit to Drill LU600553 (API#11-027-20-003), Smith 1-10

The Idaho Department of Lands has completed our review of this permit to drill for oil. Enclosed is a copy of the approved permit. This permit was approved with the following stipulations:

- 1. The permittee shall be required to submit an affidavit covering the initial BOP pressure test after installation signed by the operator or contractor attesting to the satisfactory pressure test.
- 2. The permittee shall ensure tanks are adequately sized, designed and constructed for the reception and confinement of mud and cuttings and to prevent contamination of streams and potable water.
- 3. Drilled holes cannot be used for any other purposes unless they are constructed according to the applicable well construction standards administered by the Idaho Department of Water Resources.
- 4. Applicant will obtain any needed water rights from Idaho Department of Water Resources if nearby wells will be used to supply water for the drilling operations.
- 5. All well log information required by IDAPA 20.07.02.091 will be submitted to IDL within 30 days of the logs being run.
- 6. In accordance with IDAPA 20.07.02.290 a gas to oil ratio test will be required to be conducted by the applicant no later than 30 days after the completion of the Smith 1-10. The results of the test will be provided within 20 days to the Idaho Department of Lands.
- 7. Idaho Department of Lands inspectors shall have 24 hour, unencumbered access for compliance and regulatory purposes.

Please ensure that all operations are conducted in accordance with the requirements of IDAPA 20.07.02 (Rules Governing Conservation Of Crude Oil And Natural Gas In The State Of Idaho).

This permit will be administered by Nancy Welbaum in our Southwest Supervisory Area. She will be inspecting the drilling operation. Please contact her at 208-334-3488 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Robert R. Johnson P.G.

Oil & Gas Program Manager

cc: Nancy Welbaum, Senior Resource Specialist, IDL Southwest Office Chad Hersley, IDWR, PO Box 83720, Boise, Idaho 83720-0098 Patricia A. Nilsson, Development Services Director, Canyon County

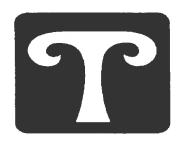


IDAHO OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION Application For Permit to Drill, Deepen or Plug Back

API-11 11-027: 20003

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LU600 553 APPLICATION TO: Drill (\$2,000) ▼ Deepen (\$500) □ Plug Back (\$500) □	
NAME OF COMPANY OR OPERATOR: Trendwell West, Inc. Date: 01/15/2014	
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Contact Name: Richard Sandtveit Email Address: rick@trendwellenergy.com	
DESCRIPTION OF WELL AND LEASE	
Name of Lease: Smith Well Number: 1-10 Elevation (ground): 2,435'	
Well Location: Section: 10 Township: T5N Range: R4W (or block and survey)	
(give footage from Section lines): 3,300' from the south section line and 1,820' from the east section line	
Field and Reservoir (if wildcat, so state): Oil Wildcat County: Canyon	
Distance, in miles, and direction from nearest town or post office: The well is approximately 6 miles north of Notus, ID	
Nearest distance from proposed location to property or lease line: bearing of N54W and 400' from the location to PL fee	
Proposed depth: 5,200' Rotary or cable tools: Rotary	
If lease purchased with one or more wells drilled, complete the following information:	
Purchased from (name)	
Address of above	
Status of bond	
Remarks: (If this is an application to deepen or plug back, briefly describe work to be done, giving present producing zone	
and expected new producing zone)	
NAME OF COMPANY OR OPERATOR:	
	are true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge.
	Date: 1/15/2014 Signature: Richard a. Sandtrett
Permit Number: <u>LV600553</u> Approval Date: <u>2-19-2014</u> Approved by:	
API Number: 1/-027-20003	

NOTICE: Before sending in this form, be sure that you have given all information requested. See instructions on back.



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IDL Supplement to Permit For Smith #1-10 Well Canyon County, Idaho

January 15, 2014

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1. Background Information

The objective of this operation is to drill a vertical well to test productivity in primarily the Webber Sand and secondarily in the Hamilton and/or Willow Sands.

Well Type:

Vertical

Well Name:

Smith #1-10

State:

Idaho

County:

Canyon

Township:

5N

Range:

4W

Section:

10

Mapping Reference:

NAD83:

UTMI 11

Idaho West - Zone 1103

Mag Dec: 14.15⁰

Grid Conv: -0.75113⁰

Total Corr: 14.90113⁰

Coordinates – NAD83:

Surface Location:

Lat: N 43⁰ 47' 14.09435"

Long: W 116⁰48' 00.23737"

SPCS: N 774572.674'

E 2347381.323'

Bottom Hole Location:

Lat: N 43⁰ 47' 14.09435"

Long: W 116⁰ 48' 00.23737"

SPCS: N 774572.674'

E 2347381.323'

Elevations:

GL:

2,435

KB:

2,450' (estimated)

Intended Total Depth of Well:

MD: 5,200'

TVD: 5,200'

1.1. Well Location Information

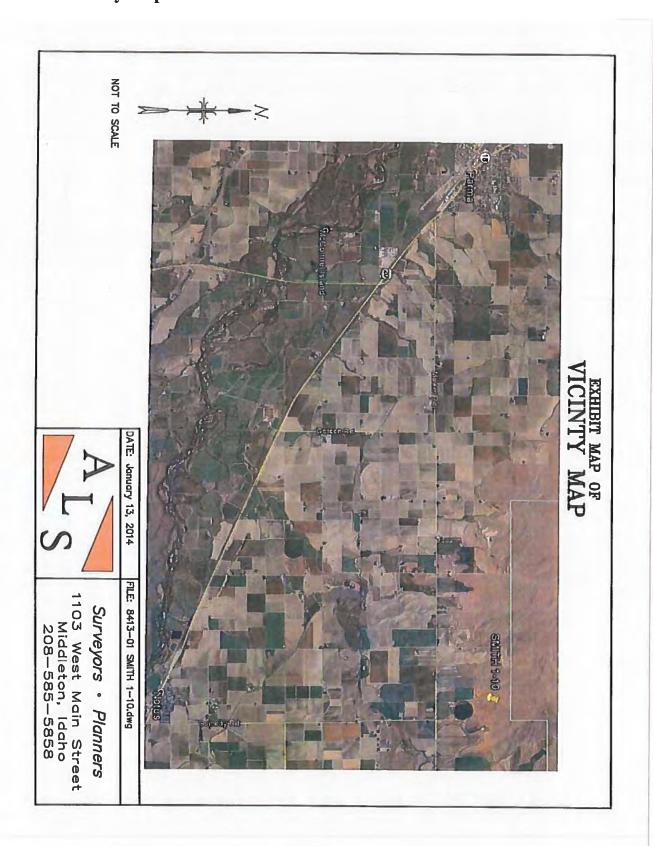
Directions from Caldwell, ID:

Go northwest on I-84 and take exit 26 on US-20/US-26. Go left on US-20/US-26 approximately 5.6 miles to Conway Road (just outside the town of Notus). Turn right or north on Conway road and follow approximately 6 miles to Market Road. Turn left or west on Market Road and go about ¼ mile to the lease road on the right or north side of Market Road. Follow the lease road about 3,400 feet to location.

1.2. Access Map

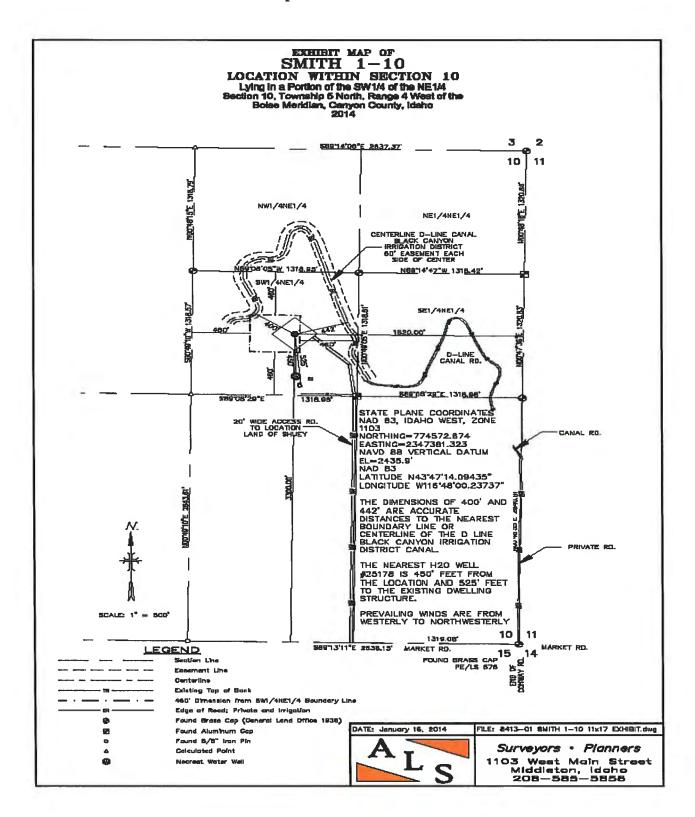


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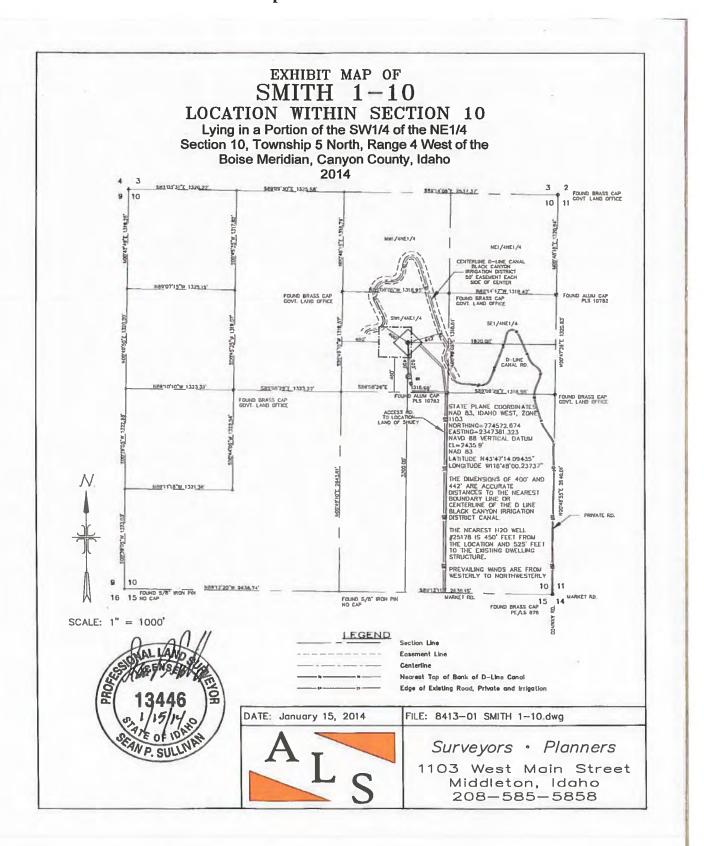


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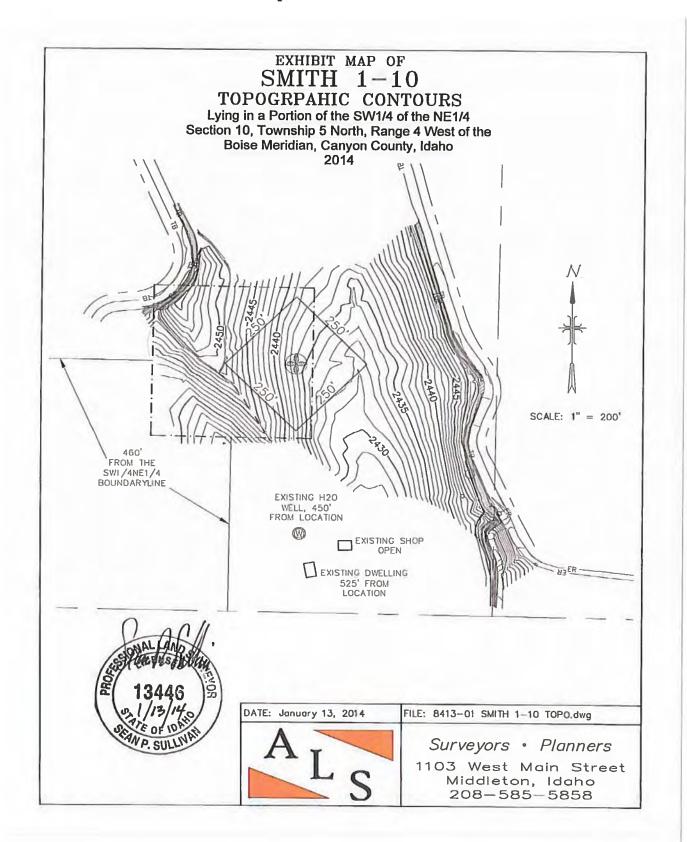
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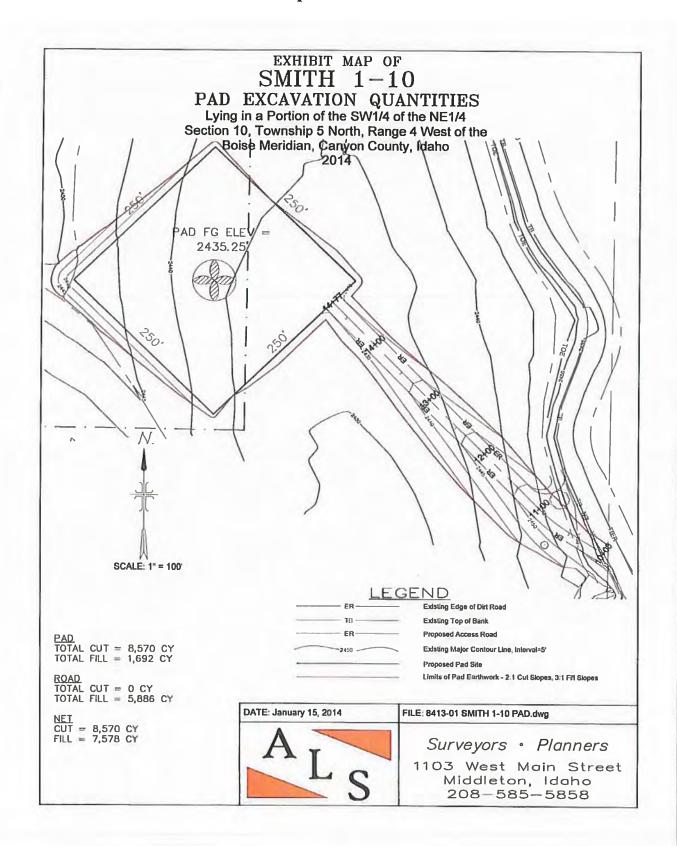
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1.4.3. Contour Map



1.4.4. Excavation Map



1.4.5. Road Elevations at Pad Entrance

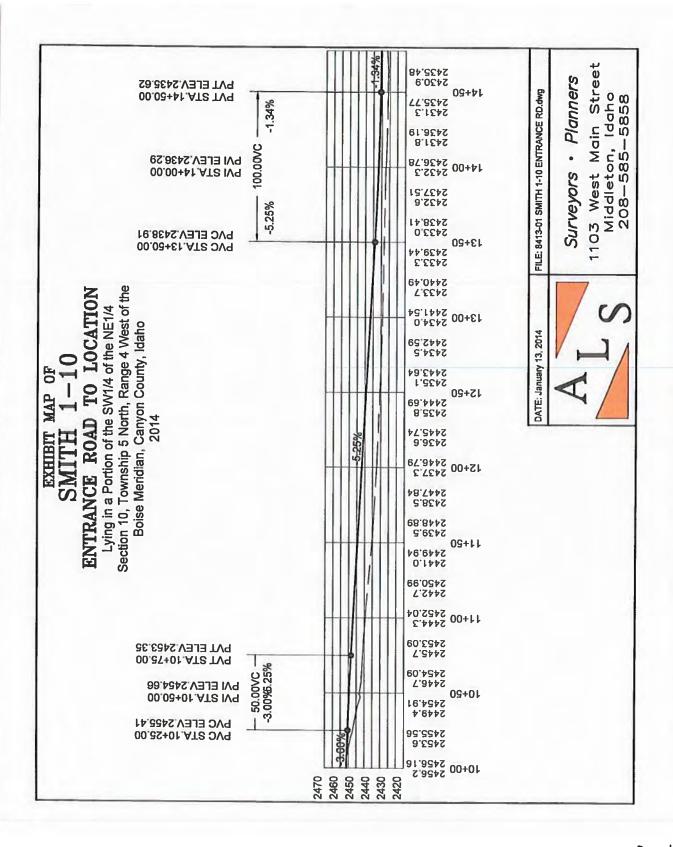


EXHIBIT MAP OF SMITH 1-10

LOCATION WITHIN SECTION 10

Lying in a Portion of the SW1/4 of the NE1/4 Section 10, Township 5 North, Range 4 West of the Boise Meridian, Canyon County, Idaho 2014

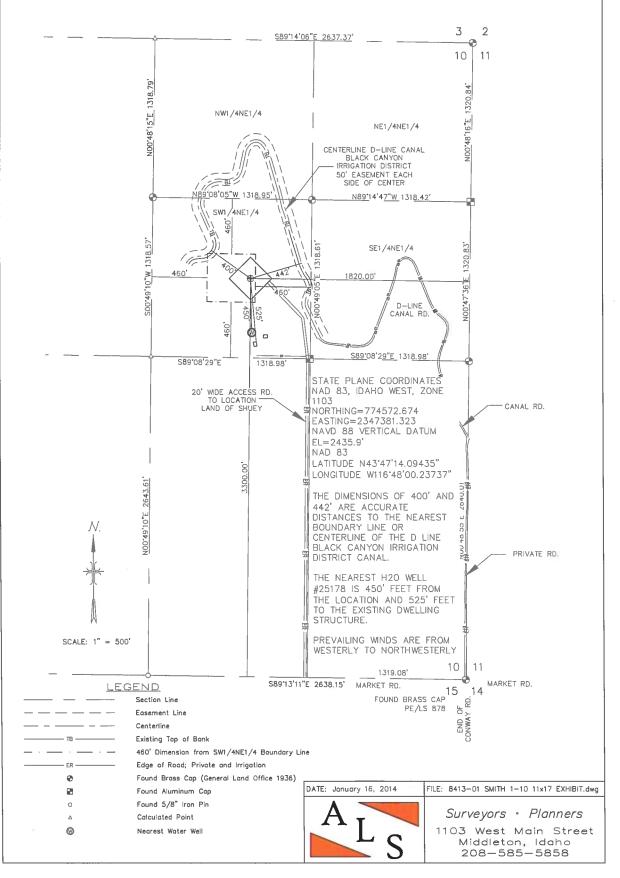
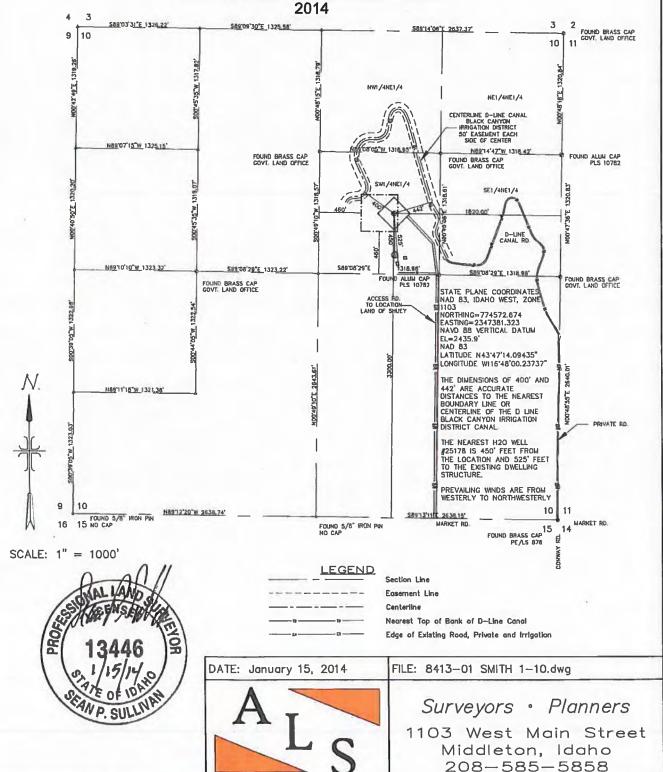
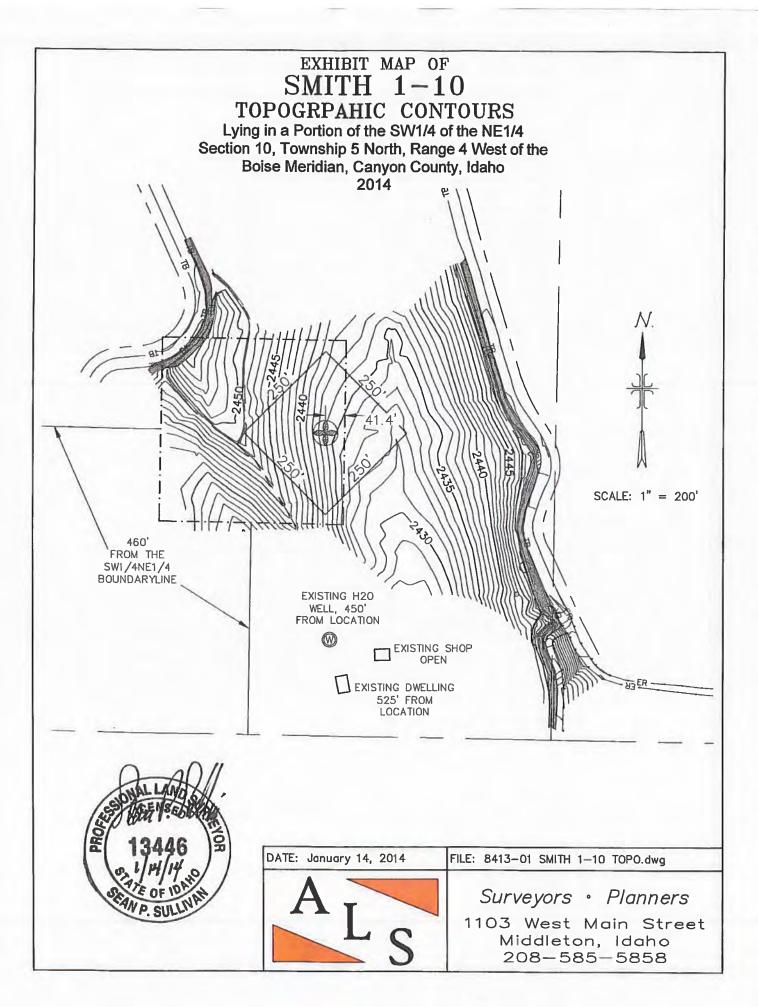


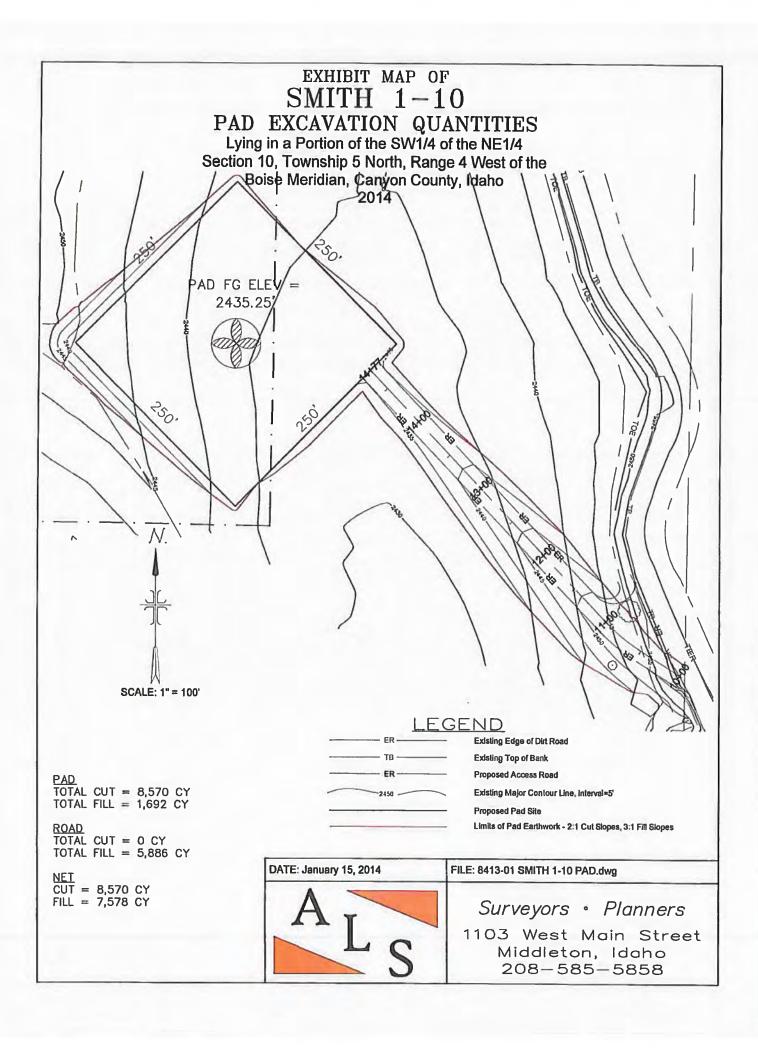
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Geological Prognosis

Anticipated Formation Tops

Trendwell West, Inc. Canyon County, Idaho

Smith #1-10
10-5N-4W
SWNE
Ground Elevation Estimate

3. Site Preparation

3.1. Access Roads

The proposed surface location is to be accessed by an upgraded private road off Waters Road about ¼ mile west of the intersection with Conway Road. The length of the road upgrade is approximately 3,400' on private property. See attached drawings 1.4.1, 1.4.2, and 1.4.5.

3.2. Location and Erosion Control

Appropriate grading, mechanical stabilization (rip-rap or hay bales), chemical stabilization (soil cement), and silt fencing will be used to prevent soil erosion. All cut and fill slopes are designed with a minimum 2: 1 grade to minimize runoff erosion and ensure mechanical stability. See attached drawing 1.4.4.

3.3. Cellar Design

An 8' deep round cellar box will be installed after the conductor is set and cemented.

3.4. Proposed Pit System

A closed-loop circulating system will be used for this well from spud. Zero discharge practices will be implemented, and all cuttings and waste fluid will be solidified and disposed of at an approved facility.

3.5. **Sump**

The location will have a 2' deep trench on downhill sides where the spoil from that trench will be used to construct an earthen berm around the location. The trench will act as a sump to collect rain and wash water for controlled release or appropriate disposal as required. See attached drawing 1.4.4.

3.6. Disposition of Drill Cuttings

After the cuttings are solidified, they will be disposed of at an approved land fill disposal site.

4. Well Construction

4.1. Casing and Cementing Program

Well	Bit	Casing Size,	Casing Set	Top of	Cement
Interval	Size	Grade, and	Depth	Cement	Excess,
		Weight			Type, and
					Volume
Surface	17 1/2"	13 3/8"	130'	Cement to	100%
		H-40		Surface	Class A
	1	48 lb/ft			140 sks
Intermediate	10 5/8"	8 5/8"	1,000'	Cement to	60%
		J-55		Surface	Lead –
		24 lb/ft			Thixmix
					(13.1 ppg),
					175 sks
					Tail –
					Surface
					Tail (14.8
					ppg) 100
					sks
Production	7 7/8"	5 ½"	5,200'	Cement to	60%
		J-55		Surface	Lead -TCI
		15.5 lb/ft			Lite (12.7
		_			ppg)
					Tail – Gas
					Seal (16.0
					ppg) 210
					sks

See wellbore schematic on next page

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4.2 Wellbore Schematic

Bit Size	Casing Size	Casing		Set Depth	Cement Vol/Type	Top of Cemen
17 ½"	13 3/8"	Grade/Weight H-40 48 lb/ft		GL ref	100% Excess 167 cuft 140 sks Class A 15.6 ppg 1.18 cuft/sk	Surface
10 5/8"	8 5/8"	J-55 24 lb/ft		GL ref 1,000'	60% Excess Lead: 323 cuft 175 sks Thixmix Tail: 136 cuft 100 sks Surface Tail	Surface
7 7/8"	5 ½"	J-55 15.5 lb/ft	Ψ		60% Excess Lead: 910 cuft 500 sks TCI Lite Tail: 242 cuft 210 sks Gas Seal	
				GL ref 5,200'		Surfac

4.3. Blow-Out Prevention

4.3.1. BOP Configuration

BOP Stack configuration includes an annular preventer and double ram preventers. The top most ram preventer will be fitted with variable ram blocks, the lower ram preventer will be fitted with blind ram blocks. A full-opening safety valve, inside BOP, and functioning wrench -specific to the pipe in use and only those specific to the pipe in use - are to be kept on the rig floor with easy access at all times.

4.3.2. BOP Testing

Test annular, rams, choke manifold, FOSV, and BOP when BOP is first nippled up on casinghead. Low-pressure test to 250 psi and high-pressure test to 3,000 psi (100% of SM wellhead), except for annular. Test annular preventer to 2,100 psi (70% of 3,000 psi rating). Test the kelly hose and standpipe back to pump isolation valves to 200 psi above pop off setting or minimum of 3,000 psi. All tests must hold for five minutes. Retest specific component each time a seal is broken. Work BOP's and flush choke lines each trip. Tighten BOP and wellhead bolts every 3 days. Non-ported float valves to be used in BHA after surface casing set.

During drilling and completion operations, the ram-type blow-out preventer shall be function tested by closing on the drill pipe once every seven (7) days. Independently powered accumulators or accumulators and pumps shall maintain a pressure capacity reserve at all times to provide for repeated operation of hydraulic preventers. All tests may be conducted using a test plug. Tests shall be recorded by charts, if required by the Supervisor.

See BOP diagram on next page

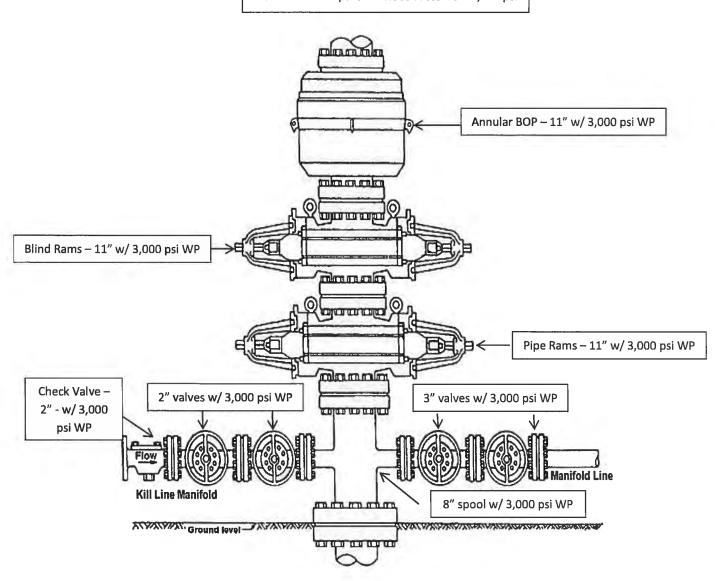
4.3.1 Blow Out Prevention - Configuration

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BOP Configuration

Canyon County, Idaho – Smith 1-10

Maximum Anticipated Surface Pressure – 2,000 psi



4.4. General Mud Program

GENERAL DRILLING/MUD OVERVIEW

INTERVAL I: 0 – 130'

1. Hole size : 17 ½"
2. Casing size : 13 3/8"

3. Mud type : Low solids, nondispersed polymer (LSND)

4. Total mud volume : 200 bbls (150 bbls surface volume)

5. Directional Program : Vertical Hole

6. Interval Duration : 1 day

7. Drilling Challenges : Surface Alluvium and Clays

INTERVAL II: 130'- 1,000' MD

1. Hole size : 10 5/8"
2. Casing size : 8 5/8"

Mud type
 LSND DMA Polymer System
 Total mud volume
 400 bbls. (250 bbls surface volume)

5. Directional Program : Vertical/Straight Hole

6. Interval Duration : 3 days

7. Drilling Challenges : Surface Unconsolidated Sands/Swelling Clays

INTERVAL III: 1,000'- 5,200' MD

1. Hole size : 7 7/8"
2. Casing size : 5 ½"

Mud type : Freshwater LSND DMA System
 Total mud volume : 650 bbls. (250 bbls surface volume)

5. Directional Program : Vertical/Straight Hole

6. Interval Duration : 9 days

7. Drilling Challenges : Swelling clays, shales, possible gas influx

GENERAL MUD PROGRAM NOTES/REMARKS

- I. Mud weights to be adjusted as dictated by hole conditions or formation pressure, especially through the 7 7/8" production interval. Maintain minimum mud weights possible for safe hole conditions, and to minimize the severity of lost circulation and differential sticking tendencies.
- II. Implement an effective closed-loop solids removal program, to include linear shakers, mud cleaner, and centrifuge. Drill solids should be stabilized with Zorbix, Sawdust or other appropriate reagent, and disposed offsite to local landfill (as approved).
- III. Continuous Mud Engineer will be utilized.

- IV. Monitor all drilling parameters on a continual basis to determine safe, cost-effective drilling operations and mud treatments.
- V. Maintain an adequate supply of Barite and LCM additives on location at all times. Maximum mud weights of ~10.5ppg may be anticipated, and the potential for significant whole mud losses should be expected, especially in the shallow hole intervals and through any volcanics.
- VI. The area of interest is near an active Geothermal resource that is being developed for electricity generation. Bottom hole temperatures of over 200°F should be expected, therefore mud treatments and cement should be considered to accommodate elevated temperatures.

17 1/2" Surface Interval							
MD (ft)	0 to 130 feet						
Drilling Fluid System	Ca++ Fresh Water						
Interval Target Mud Properties							
Mud Weight (ppg)	8.4 to 8.6		Plastic Viscosity (cp)	4 to 10			
Funnel Viscosity (s/qt)	26 to 32		Yield Point (lb/100 ft ²⁾	4 to 10			
рН	8.0 to 9.0		Ca+ (mg/L)	700 to 1,100			
API FL (ml/30 min)	Natural		CaCl (mg/L)	<1,200			

Safety Recommendations:

- Ensure all proper PPE is used when handling products.
- Wear a respirator while mixing all drilling additives.
- Review MSDS prior to use of unfamiliar materials.

Interval Objective:

- Drill a 17 1/2" hole from 0 to 130 ft (MD) and set 13 3/8" casing.
- The recommended fluid system for the 17 1/2" interval is Ca++ Water.

Mud Weight:

- Mud density in this interval should be unweighted and 8.4-8.6.
- Use solids control equipment throughout interval and dilute if SCE is ineffective.

System Maintenance:

- Spud in with fresh water and start additions of Gypsum.
- Follow (System Setup) protocols if using recycled WBM from a prior well

- If gravel is encountered, Mud up and raise Vise to > 60 s/qt.
- Use PHPA high viscosity hole cleaning sweeps every 150-250 ft while drilling.
- Add Soap and SAPP sticks (alternate Yi stick every connection) for bit balling if encountered
- Mud rings may be avoided by additions of SAPP.
- Maintain pH between 8.0-9.0.
- Use all available solids control equipment to maintain drill solids as low as possible.

System Setup:

• Move 250 bbls of prior well transferred mud into pits and add 250 bbls water (if available)

10 5/8" Intermediate Interval						
MD (ft)	130 to 1,00	130 to 1,000 feet				
Drilling Fluid System	Ca++ - Fres	Ca++ - Fresh water base low solids, nondispersed polymer system				
Interval Target Mud Properties						
Mud Weight (ppg)	8.6 to 9.4	8.6 to 9.4 Plastic Viscosity (cp) 8 to 18				
Funnel Viscosity (s/qt)	40 to 55		Yield Point (lb/100 ft ²⁾	8 to 18		
pH	8.5 to 9.5		Ca+ (mg/L)	700 to 1,100		
API FL (ml/30 min)	<8		CaCl (mg/L)	<1,200		

Safety Recommendations:

- Caustic Soda will be utilized throughout this section to maintain pH and alkalinities, so ensure all proper PPE is used when handling (face shield, rubber gloves, and apron).
- Wear a respirator while mixing all drilling additives.
- Review MSDS prior to use of unfamiliar materials.

Interval Objective:

- Drill a 10 5/8" hole from 130-1,000 ft (MD) and run 8 5/8" casing.
- The recommended fluid system for the end of the 10 5/8" interval from 130-1,000 ft (MD) is Ca++ LSND.

Mud Weight:

- Mud density in this interval should range from **8.6-9.4** ppg.
- Mud weight should be increased as needed to assist with shale ECD's.
- Use solids control equipment as needed.
- Maintain expected MW or as hole conditions dictate per Drilling Engineer and/or Company Man.
- If higher MW is required and lower solids are required, raise MW with additions of barite.

See calculation below: Equation: Sacks of Barite (100 lb sacks) = Total Volume x 14.9 x (Final MW (ppg) - Original MW (ppg))/(35 - Final MW (ppg))

Example: Sacks of Barite (100 lb sacks) = 1000 bbls x 14.9 x (10.0 ppg - 9.0 ppg)/(35 - 10.0 ppg) = 596 sacks

Take continuous MW readings while mixing barite.

System Maintenance:

- Raise pH (8.5 -9.5) with caustic soda through the Chem barrel.
- Raise the total hardness to 700-1100 mg/I with additions of Gypsum to control sloughing shales.
- A sudden drop in pH could signal the presence of C02 in the formation and immediate action will be required to counteract the C02. If C02 is encountered, pH will decrease, the bicarbonate reading on the alkalinity mud test will increase, and viscosity will decrease.
- Add Lime as needed over a circulation and running Caustic through the chemical barrel until pH is back to 8.5-9.5.
- Maintain FV around 40-55 s/qt.
- Begin lowering API FL to <8 ml/30 min with the addition of FLA.

Solids Control:

- Use the best combination of screens on the shakers, DeSander, DeSilter, and Centrifuge for the system.
- If available, run centrifuge in mechanical stripping mode constantly to maintain solids content at or below 8%. (Note: Running centrifuge in full mechanical stripping mode will strip HGS from the system additional barite will be needed after running centrifuge in this manner.) If the centrifuge is ineffective in stripping ultrafine materials, the practice of dump and dilute is the last resort.
- Solids, viscosity, and density should all be controlled with the use of the centrifuge and product additions.
- Ensure solids control equipment is functioning properly hourly.
- Any recommendation for screen changes (for size or condition), must be discussed with the Solids Control personnel, CM, and the Fluid Engineer.

Potential Problems:

- High ROPs are common in this interval. Keep an eye on drill solids increasing and be sure to use proper solids control equipment when necessary to maintain low drill solids.
- Make sure properties are maintained and hole cleaning is not an issue. If hole cleaning becomes an issue, adjust properties accordingly.
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- Watch for lost circulation risks and plan ahead accordingly.
- Gel strengths, MBTs, and rheology should be maintained for borehole stability.

7 7/8" Production Interval						
MD (ft)	1,000 to 5,200 feet					
Drilling Fluid System	Ca++ - Fresh water base low solids, nondispersed polymer system					
Interval Target Mud Properties						
Mud Weight (ppg)	8.6 to 10.5 Plastic Viscosity (cp) 8 to 18					
Funnel Viscosity (s/qt)	40 to 55		Yield Point (lb/100 ft ²⁾	11 to 20		
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- Drill a 7 7/8" hole from 1,000-5,200 ft (MD) and run 5 1/2" casing.
- The recommended fluid system for the end of the 7 7/8" interval from 1,000-5,200 ft (MD) is Ca++ LSND.

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4.5. Electric Logging Program

The intended electric wireline logging program at total depth (TD) will include:

- High Definition Induction Log
- Compensated Z-Densilog
- Compensated Neutron Log
- Gamma Ray Log
- Caliper Log.

We intend to use Baker Hughes for wireline logging; however this may change subject to availability. Logs will be made available to IDL as required.

5. Completion

Method of completion will be determined subsequent to review of open-hole log data and cased hole cement bond logs (CBL). If the well is to be completed, it will be equipped with a 3,000 psi WP tree with appropriate spools and valving for access to each annular and tubular space. Also, if the well is completed, we anticipate using 2 7/8" API J-55 6.5 lb/ft production tubing. Hydraulic fracturing is not contemplated and the expectation is that these potential reservoirs will respond to conventional completion techniques.

6. Abandonment Procedure

If the well is nonproductive, the well will be plugged with cement in accordance with appropriate State of Idaho regulations as described in IDAPA 20.07.02 section 320 – Well Plugging.

7. Reclamation of Drill Site

Reclamation will be conducted in accordance with IDAPA 20.07.02.325. To achieve those requirements, Trendwell West, Inc. intends to address reclamation through a multistep process which is outlined below. As provided for in IDAPA 20.07.02.325.08, Trendwell West, Inc. will enter into a Surface Use Agreement with the landowner the terms of which will ensure that the site is left in a stable, non-eroding condition as required.

- 1. Re-establish slope stability, surface stability, and desired topographic diversity.
- 2. Maintain the integrity of the topsoil and subsoil (where appropriate and not otherwise dictated by the Surface Use Agreement)

- 3. Prepare site for revegetation upon completion of well activities plugging/abandonment.
 - a) Redistribute soil materials in a manner similar to the original vertical profile.
 - b) Provide suitable conditions to support the long term establishment and viability of the desired plant community.
 - c) Protect seed and seedling establishment (e.g. erosion control matting, mulching, hydro-seeding, surface roughening, fencing, etc. to be determined based upon site specific conditions
- 4. Establish a desired self-perpetuating native plant community based upon region specific guidance available from NRCS
 - a) Establish species composition, diversity, structure, and total ground cover appropriate for the desired plant community
 - b) Select genetically appropriate and locally adapted native plant materials based on the site characteristics and setting.
 - c) Select non-native plants only as a short term and non-persistent alternative to native plant materials. Ensure the non-natives are designed to aid in the re-establishment of native plant communities. Revegetate in accordance with best practices described below:
 - d) Plant communities shall be evaluated annually for two years to ensure revegetation success as determined by IDAPA 20.07.02.325



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RE: Oil Wild Cat well application, Trendwell West, Inc. Smith Well number 1-10

Mr. Johnson,

Thank you for providing Idaho Department of Water Resources an opportunity to review and comment on the application to drill a gas exploration well submitted by Trendwell West, Inc. IDWR staff reviewed the applications and drilling plan for the proposed well and submits the following comments for your consideration.

- 1. IDAPA 37.03.09.010.66.c.ii states "holes drilled for oil and gas exploration which are subject to the requirements of Section 47-320, Idaho Code" are not considered a well. Therefore the proposed boring is not subject to permitting requirements of IDAPA 37.03.09.
- IDAPA 37.03.09.045.03 states that excluded borings that are not considered wells still need to comply with the minimum standards for modification, construction, or decommissioning. The proposed boring satisfies the minimum construction standards, however if the boring is not produced for oil or gas, it cannot be used for any other purpose and must also be decommissioned in accordance with IDAPA 037.03.09.025.16.
- Idaho does not have authority from the Environmental Protection Agency to permit Class I!
 injection wells to inject brines and other fluids associated with oil and gas production wells.
 The applicant should be made aware of this as it may have implications on their production
 plans.
- 4. If groundwater is to be pumped to support the drilling activities the applicant should contact a water right agent at IDWR to discuss obtaining a temporary water right.

Sincerely;

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